

Your personal information
is too valuable

Don't Give It Away!

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Don't make Identity Theft easier than it already is.

- **Guard your personal information.** *Make sure you know where and how it will be used.*
- **Be stingy with your Social Security number.** *Don't give it out just because someone asks for it.*
- **Shred financial documents you no longer need.** *A cross-cut shredder works best.*
- **Ignore e-mails asking for information.** *Legitimate companies don't verify information through e-mails.*
- **Regularly check your credit file for signs of fraud.** *It's free to see your credit report three times a year.*
- **Put Identity Theft on ice.** *With a "Security Freeze," you can block unauthorized access to your credit file.*

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